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NOTE FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Maurice C. Ernst  
NIO/EconomicsSUBJECT: NFIB Meeting on SNIE #3/11-2-82:  
The Soviet Gas Pipeline in PerspectiveThe SNIE in a Policy Perspective

1. This SNIE brings together major pieces of the overall picture of Western economic relations with the USSR, relations that Moscow has used to expand its military power. It ties directly into the major issues which are being discussed at the top policy levels in preparation for beginning to build some sort of consensus with our Allies on the strategic implications of East-West economic relations. The DCI made reference to the forthcoming SNIE at a Cabinet-level SIG/IEP meeting last week, and completion of the Estimate was made one of the follow-up actions to be taken.

Coordination Problems

2. There were no major problems at the reps meeting. Most differences were judged to be of little importance to the major thrust and conclusions of the Estimate.

3. After the reps meeting, considerable changes were made in the Key Judgments, including some new material, at the request of the DCI. At his suggestion, I tightened up some of these changes and sent the revised version, together with a few changes in the main text, to the NFIB reps.

4. I have received numerous suggestions for changes in the Key Judgments, and a few in the text. In order to facilitate an orderly process, I have listed the suggested changes consecutively by paragraph, together with my recommendation in each case. I also recommend certain changes, particularly in the Scope Note.

5. The attached memo reflects, I believe, all the important suggestions of the NFIB agencies. In my judgment, most of the suggested changes are helpful in that they either add balance to the Estimate or make certain points clearer. There are, however, two major substantive

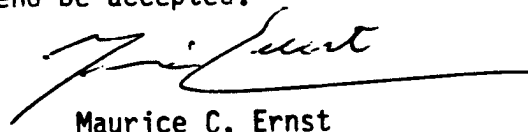
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suggestions, with which I do not agree:

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6. For your use, I will have the Key Judgments rerun to reflect all the proposed changes that I recommend be accepted.



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Attachment,  
As stated

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